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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Ryan Papenfuss, DOB 12/1/75, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 57 months in federal prison, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for possessing pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. Papenfuss pleaded guilty to this charge on March 3, 2006.

Law enforcement officers seized pseudoephedrine and other materials to manufacture methamphetamine at a rural farm in Trempealeau County in August 2004. Several witnesses admitted to seeing Papenfuss and others manufacture methamphetamine using the seized materials.

The charge against Papenfuss was the result of an investigation conducted by the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation - Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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